

What is claimed is:

1. A molded plastic container of the type having a bottom and a continuous side wall terminating in an open top, first and second bail receivers oppositely disposed on and integral with the side wall near but spaced below the open top to also serve as lifting elements, the receivers each comprising a front panel and top and side spacer panels such that the front panel is disposed in spaced parallel relationship to the adjacent side wall and the interior volume between the front panel and the side wall being open to the bottom, and a bail receiving aperture formed in each of said front panels wherein the improvement comprises first and second reversely similar interior guard members depending from the top spacer panel in oppositely surrounding relationship to said aperture, wherein the lower portions of the guard members are free of the side wall and front panel so as to be flexible independently relative thereto.

2. A molded plastic container as defined in claim 1 wherein the reversely similar interior guard members are arcuate over at least the bottom portion thereof and have the free ends in oppositely facing but spaced apart relationship.